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SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

The Southern Command currently has 3 sworn vacancies. 17 cadets are currently attending the training academy, 14 in Las Vegas and three in Carson City. The new hires and transfers have dramatically reduced our vacancies within the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1285 crashes as compared to 1072 crashes in September of 2004. This was an increase of 19.9%. Crashes resulting in fatalities remained unchanged as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 9 fatal crashes in September 2005 and 9 fatal crashes in September 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 7.8% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 55 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 12 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 42 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.3% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1289 crash reports and 373 arrest reports during October 2005. This resulted in 7928 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 22.6% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 28.6% when compared September 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 22,616 CAD incidents and 34,023 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 10.4% in September 2005, as compared to the September 2004. Total DUI arrests were down 24.5% as compared to last year, however DUI's from crashes were down 5.7% as compared to September 2005. The Commercial Operations Section showed substantial increases in commercial safety violations and overweight citations as compared to September 2004.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and have benefited from a much needed increase in manpower, that resulted from the July academy graduation. The 22,616 incidents/contacts with the public in September can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. The increases in overall activity in September, as well as decreases in specific categories such as DUI arrests prior to crash, can be attributed to the ongoing field training of new Troopers currently in the field training program.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-05	October-04	% Change	Sept-05	% Change
Total crashes	1285	1072	19.9%	1216	5.7%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	982	781	25.7%	947	3.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	294	282	4.3%	265	10.9%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9	9	0%	4	125%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	50	53	-5.7%	46	8.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	13	10	30.0%	4	225%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	3	4	-25.0%	2	50.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	2	0%	0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	7	4	75%	0	700.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	1	0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	55	51	7.8%	69	-20.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	42	34	-23.5%	53	-20.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	12	17	-29.4%	15	-20.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100%	1	0%

## CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.7%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.9%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 38.5%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- ✱ Total crashes up 19.9% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 7.8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes remained the same from last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	October 2005		October 2004	% Change		Sept 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	50		53	-5.7%		46	8.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	101		147	-31.3%		129	-21.7%
Other arrests	814		767	6.1%		690	18.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	352		353	-0.3%		339	3.8%
Speed violations	2364		1923	22.9%		2284	3.5%
Hazardous moving violations	1728		1605	7.7%		1799	-3.9%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	432		297	45.5%		393	9.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	7715		6991	10.4%		7634	6.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	49		63	-22.2%		145	-66.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	114		120	-5.0%		104	9.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	613		621	-1.3%		826	-25.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		0	100%		0	100%
Total safety violations -- citation	199		130	53.1%		209	-4.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1,299		958	35.6%		1336	-2.8%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	45		54	-16.7%		74	-39.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	35		61	-42.6%		91	-61.5%
Total school buses inspected	233		128	82.0%		224	4.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	41		20	105.0%		28	46.4%
Total trucks weighed	64		87	-26.4%		637	-90.0%
Total overweight citations	22		4	450.0%		36	-38.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	610		612	-0.3%		1120	-45.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		5		3
Safety Violations Citation	0		4		0
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		9		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		1		0
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		2		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		1		0

## OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.15%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 8% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ✱ 7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ✱ Traffic Enforcement is up 10.4% from last year and up 6.8% from last month.
- ✱ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is down 22.2% from last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle inspections are down 1.3% from last year.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October-05	October-04	% Change	September-05	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	108,839	N/A **	N/A	116,892	-6.9 %
Radio Tx and Receive totals	281,229	N/A **	N/A	389,451	145.9 %
CAD Incidents	22,616	20,618	9.7 %	24,858	-9.0 %
Telephone Calls	34,023	35,475	-4.1 %	38,250	-11.1 %
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	123	132	-6.8 %	133	-7.5 %
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	1,289	1,125	14.6 %	1,202	7.2 %
Arrest Reports Processed	373	368	1.4 %	389	-4.1 %
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	36	23	56.5 %	28	28.6 %
Vehicle Impound Releases	99	173	-42.8 %	96	3.1%
Visitors at Counter	989	769	28.6 %	690	43.3 %
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7,928	6,468	22.6 %	7,523	5.4 %
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	949	335	183.3%	134	608.2%
Warrants Entered	199	199	0.0%	344	-42.2%
Warrants Cleared	212	257	-17.5%	212	0.0%
Warrants Validated	1,922	1595	36.9%	1,082	77.6%
Extradition / Transports	13	26	18.2%	13	0.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>					
New Cases Submitted	81	120	-32.5%	103	-21.4%
New Items Submitted	134	181	-26.0%	189	-29.1%
Items Disposed	20	57	-64.9%	7	185.7%

\*\*Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 13 Contracts requiring 508.15 work hours, billing \$30,248.83

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 92.6% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 6.20% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 1.2% of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0.0% of case submissions.

**AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- ✱ 5 Enforcement missions flown.
- ✱ 8 Prisoner transports.

**COMMENDATIONS**

- ✱ 4 from public to sworn
- ✱ 1 from other Public Organizations

**PUBLIC INFORMATION****NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. October 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:**

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers utilized the Camaro and HEAT truck at several schools throughout the valley.

**HEAT RACING CONTINUED:**

October 14<sup>th</sup> was the only "test and tune" session, more to follow. Several Troopers practiced racing down the strip. The Troopers also learned about the structure of the event itself. NHP is rapidly becoming the crowd favorite. Trooper involvement is on the rise.

**SAFE STREET 2005:**

An event held yearly at Opportunity Village. Provides families a safe alternative to neighborhood trick-or-treating. The 3 day event was visited by over 30,000 children and adults.

**DRIVER'S EDGE:**

The HEAT program continues to be a strong asset to the Driver's Edge program. The HEAT presentation includes a DUI discussion and activities as well as presentations on seat belt safety and traffic laws. The weekend was well received by over 540 parents and teens.

**Public Requests for Information: 91**

- 5 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
- 86 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain a accident report

**Press releases: 12**

- 9 were Fatal related
- 3 were NHP related